



FLITCHAM cum APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Fritcham Village Fete

From 2pm Sept 12th

Tea, Cakes and sandwiches

Stalls and games.
Things for all the family
Free entry

Bric a brac
Target football
Hook a duck
Bean bag game
Tombola

Wine or water
Raffle
Jewellery
Splat the rat
Face paints
Treasure hunt





Sunday September 26th

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT 11 AM

The Sandringham Group of Churches supports the **Food Bank** now and donations can be brought to church for the Harvest Service.

There will also be a container at the Community Centre and one in the church porch.

Non-perishable food is required please, e.g. tins of soup, baked beans and fruit, dried milk, biscuits, crisps, tea bags, coffee etc.

A Request

With the very welcome re-opening of the social club, can we respectfully request that users do not block the driveway to the right of the social club which leads to the car parking area at the rear. This driveway is in constant use between the hours of 8am – 6pm Monday-Friday to provide our business car parking for staff and visitors, and we are very frequently having to ask cars and vans to move who park on the front of the social club, perhaps not realising that there is a driveway to the right. Many thanks, and all the best.

Sasha Edmonds
Liv Architects
The Old Rifle Range

Dog Fouling - What's the Problem?

This is a perennial issue which mystifies me. Everyone knows that if your dog defecates in a public place you pick it up and put it in a little bag (the waste that is, not the dog). That's one of the joys of dog ownership and a tacit agreement you make with your neighbours not to expose them and their children to your animal's 'deposits'. Failure to do this is irresponsible; it shows you have little regard for anyone else and you are, of course, also breaking the law.

Pam Ellis rang me the other day to say that the far end of Abbey Road, where she lives, has effectively become a dogs' toilet which her and her neighbours constantly clear up - and the problem is getting worse. There used to be a dog waste bin near the 30mph sign and there may be a case for reinstating it, which is something I will raise at the next Parish Council meeting. Whether it would make any difference is another matter; the majority of owners are wholly responsible and either take the waste to their own bin or the one at the other end of Abbey Road, in the residents' car park.

TA

Viewpoint

I read with interest Colin's heartfelt piece in the last newsletter and completely acknowledge the long history of the Farrows of Flitcham and the poignancy and memories held within and around that property.

My mother was actually born in Michael and Eileen's house and I have a little warm feeling when I pass, just knowing that. Tinged with a sadness as her teenage brother Ernest also lived there with the Oakes family, he volunteered (was in the Royal Norfolk's), to join a party to hold back the enemy for as long as possible, for the beaches to be cleared. A suicide mission which they all knew. The location of his grave was finally found in 1989.

I suppose my point is, to me it is the location and the building. The bungalow I grew up in bears no resemblance to when I was a child but in my mind's eye it's the same.

I've lived in Flitcham almost 20 years, during that time I have experienced countless problems with deliveries and post. I'm currently in dispute with Royal Mail regarding a missing parcel.

I don't need to go into detail as most are aware of the experience I had last year when two ambulances failed to find my property, which is named and numbered and had to be chased to get them to come back. I wasn't critical but was very ill; had it been a stroke or heart attack I may not still be here. I'm just asking, in the here and now, whether memories are really held in a number or in the heart and mind?

Just spare a thought for those of us who have constant, and potentially harmful, problems with the numbers.
Geraldine Farrow

Heads must Roll

Dead heads that is - or must they?

I've just been braving the August weather, vicious thorns - and vertigo - dead heading the roses at the side of Beech House. While I do this several times a year, and always get two 'crops' of gorgeous red blooms, would it make any difference if I left them to their own devices? Am I risking serious injury or, at the very least, lacerated knuckles, unnecessarily?

I'm sure opinions are divided - probably as much as they are over renumbering. Oops, sorry, didn't mean to mention that. Anyway it would be good to hear from the 'experts' out there.

TA

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 7th September at the Community Centre, commencing at 7:45pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. The Village Re-numbering will be on the Agenda for the Parish Council to decide whether to formally request the Borough Council to commence their review.

Public Question time is the only time when members of the public are allowed to speak at any PC meeting and 30 minutes are set aside for this. In order to allow everyone the opportunity to raise their question, time will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

As we are still recovering from the pandemic we must not over fill the Community Centre and numbers will be limited. Therefore, if you would like to attend the meeting, please advise me in advance of the day in order to book your place. Remember that if the Borough Council is asked to proceed with their review, every household within the village will have the opportunity to vote on any possible changes and a two thirds majority in favour would be required before any changes are made.

The Agenda will be published in advance of the meeting and available on both the Village Noticeboard and the Flitcham website.

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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE? NUMBER 4



If you know where this is - and what it is - you can email, phone or drop a note in my letter box. There will be one more, in October, and I'll show the whole lot in the November issue. In December, there will be a (small) prize for whoever "knows most".

You may send in material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email - t.allen@suster.plus.com - and you can phone on 600119. However it must reach me by the 16th of the month to appear in the following month's edition.